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I am part of a worldwide network that is working on getting the BeOS or equivalent back into the market place, but there is no hope of success if the following issues aren't addressed:

MS Office needs to be opened, so that developers interested in porting it or understanding the document formats can do so either in form of a source code licence or an allowance to see it, check it and "clone libraries", so that applications on non-Windows OSs can read and write MS Office formats for flawless interaction with Windows users.

The Win32 API needs to be made available (incl. undocumented APIs) so that WINE can be successfully ported not only to BeOS but other OS too.

The file system needs to be opened, so that BeOS users can continue to access files on non-BFS partitions.

The ruling must include a "must-carry" rule, so that any OEM Microsoft is supplying Windows with HAS to "dual- boot" an alternative operating system, in this case BeOS, in order to remedy the damage MS has done to BeOS in the past.

It has to carry a competitive impact statement, explaining how MS damaged Be and the BeOS with its tactics. It should also say that the current "remedy" the DOJ is suggesting is far too weak and that it doesn't carry all areas.

I truly believe that competition in computer operating systems is a good thing. Watching the number of computers constantly being attacked by hackers makes me believe that more diversity means more security.

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